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MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OF REGULAR BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

BETHANY CHURCH

Wilkes County, N. C.

October 21 and 22, 1938

ELDER G. W. MILES, Moderator ..... Miles, N. C.

A. C. SIDDEN, Sec. & Treas. ..... Joynes, N. C.

The next session will convene with Center Church, about seven miles north of North Wilkesboro, on highway 18, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1939. Elder A. C. Sidden to preach the Introductory Sermon; Elder G. R. Cox, alternate.

PROCEEDINGS
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Convened with Bethany Baptist Church Oct. 21, 1938.

Service opened by Eld. E. E. Douglass by reading Psalm 118.

Song by congregation, "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Eld. Douglass.

Introductory Sermon by Eld. A. F. Walker. Text, Matt. 16:18.

Remarks by Eld. G. W. Miles.

Intermission of 30 minutes.

Delegates reassembled in the church.

Scripture lesson: Heb. 3rd chapter. Song No. 188 Primitive Hymns.

Prayer by Eld. D. A. Roten of the Blue Ridge Association.

Association called to order.

1st. Moderator called for church letters when 18 were handed in, read and delegates seated.

2nd. Invited newly constituted, or any regular Baptist church to unite with us. None came.

3rd. On motion elected Eld. G. W. Miles Moderator by acclamation.

4th. On motion, elected A. C. Sidden clerk by acclamation.

5th. On motion, extended a welcome to visitors.

6th. On motion, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments, and the following committees were appointed:

a. On Ministry: Foy Wall, G. M. Royal,, Evy Harrold.

b. On Finance: Crom Johnson, A. M. Holbrook, and Curtis Burcham.

c. On Arrangements: J. M. Brown, C. C. Sidden, J. P. Brooks, H. H. Jennings, and D. M. Dillard. Moderator and Clerk to sit with this committee.

d. On Obituaries: H. A. Adams, G. R. Cox, and J. N. Royal.

e. On Resolutions: T. A. Miles, E. E. Douglass, and J. M. Spicer.

f. On Temperance: J. H. Holbrook, F. A. Norman, and S. E. Moore.

g. On Time, Place and Preacher: G. W. Brown, T. N. Royal, W. W. Miles.

7th. Committee on Ministry reported as follows: Friday night at church Elders Charlie Andrews, E. E. Douglass, and George Curry to preach. Saturday, Elders Guy Cox, Wm. Andrews, and D. M. Dillard to preach. Report received.

8th. On motion adjourned until tomorrow at 9:30. Song, "Am I A Soldier of the Cross?" Prayer by Elder Guy Cox.

SATURDAY MORNING

Met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday. Song service conducted by Eld. D. H. Brown. Eld. G. W. Miles read the 23rd Psalm. Song, 345 Primitive Selection. Prayer by Eld. H. A. Adams.

1st. Roll of delegates called and absentees marked.

2nd. Moderator called for bill of arrangements. Bill handed in, read and received.

3d. On motion dispensed with reading minutes of yesterday.

4th. Extended an invitation to newly constituted, or any regular Baptist church to unite with us. None came.

5th. On motion extended a welcome to visitors.

6th. Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

We, your Committee on Temperance report as follows: We advise our members to be temperate in speech, ready to forgive, abstain from the use of intoxicants, and shun the appearance of evil.

J. H. HOLBROOK,
ARTHUR NORMAN, Com.

Report received.

7th Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

We, your Committee on Resolutions submit the following: That we thank God for His mercies and goodness toward us during the past year, and pray His mercies to be extended through the remainder of our lives. That we advise our brethren and sisters to attend their church as much as possible. That we extend a hearty welcome to all Christians that may visit us from time to time. That we adhere strictly to the teachings of God's Holy Word, layng aside the ideas of man. That we work together and pray for one another. That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the brethren, sisters and kind friends of this community for their kind hospitality during the sitting of this association.

E. E. DOUGLASS,
T. A. MILES,
J. M. SPICER, Committee.

Report received.

8th. Committee on Finance reported, received from the churches $51.35. Visitors from the Union Baptist Association of Alleghany county gave $1.05 for which they are to receive minutes.

9th. Committee on Obituaries reported. On motion all received are to be printed.

10th. On motion we authorize the clerk to have 1000 copies of these minutes printed and distributed according to the contributions of the churches after deducting $1.05 worth of minutes for the Union Baptist Association of Alleghany county. The clerk to have $10.00 for his services.

11th. Committee on Time, Place and Preacher report our next session to be held with Center church, to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in October 1939. Elder A. C. Sidden to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder G. R. Cox, alternate. Report received.

12th. Treasurer of last year reported as follows:

Balance from 1936		$37.45
Received 1937		$51.80
Paid for minutes	$35.00	
Moderator	$ 5.00	
Clerk	$10.00	
Postage	$ .30	
Totals	$50.30	$89.25
Balance turned over to Treasurer		$38.95

Report received.

13th. Committee on Ministry reported as follows:

Saturday Night—Charlie Miles to open service. 2nd, Lonnie Billings to preach. 3rd, M. C. Dillard to preach.

For Sunday—1st, Eld. J. M. Owens to open service. 2nd, Eld. A. F. Walker t o preach. 3rd, Eld. D. A. Roten to preach. 4th, Eld. G. W. Miles to close. Report received.

14th. On motion dispensed with reading the minutes of today.

15th. Question is there any other business. None was presented.

16th. On motion we adjourn to time and place of our next session.

Elder D. H. Brown closed with singing and prayer.

SATURDAY PREACHING SERVICE

Service introduced by Elder Guy Cox reading a lesson from Matthew 28th chapter and singing No. 1, Primitive Hymns.

Elder Cox called on A. C. Sidden to lead prayer.

1st. Sermon by Eld. Wm. Andrews from the Union Baptist Association. Text, Matt. 28:19.

2nd. Sermon by Elder D. M. Dillard. Text, Heb. 12:25.

Service closed by Eld. G. W. Miles. Song and hand shake.

SUNDAY MORNING AT THE STAND

Opening song, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" Elder J. M. Owens introduced service by reading the 23rd Psalm and Hymn No. 339 in Primitive Hymn Book. Prayer by Elder Wm. Andrews, visitor from The Union Association.

1st. Sermon by Elder Claude Bartley, visitor from The Union Association. Text, Daniel 3:5.

2nd. Sermon by Elder A. F. Walker. Text, Acts 22:6.

3rd. Sermon by Elder D. A. Roten.

4th. Sermon by Elder G. W. Miles. Text, Rev. 1:18.

A closing hand clasp, a fare-you-well, a parting smile, and the seventieth session of the Primitive Association became memory.

ELD. G. W. MILES, Moderator.
A. C. SIDDEN, Sec. & Treas.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

Antioch—T. N. Royal, Franklin Royal, Delcie Royal, Oscar Jennings.

Austin—B. C. Speaks, D. H. Brown, G. R. Cox, Santford Spicer.

Bethany—L. W. Wood, C. H. Bryant, E. M. Wiles, M. A. Blackburn, W. R. Handy.

Center—H. H. Jennings, D. M. Dillard, G. F. Adams, H. E. Harrold.

Double Creek—A. M. Holbrook, F. C. Armes, John Gambill.

Garden Creek—J. P. Brooks, J. M. Brown.

Liberty Knob—G. W. Miles, J. N. Royal, G. M. Royal, W. W. Miles, Charlie Miles.

Mining Ridge—F. C. Wall, Shade Golden.

Mountin Valley—J. H. Stamper, E. E. Douglass, Arthur Stamper.

New Covenant—M. C. Dillard, T. A. Miles, L. F. Caudill, A. S. Billings.

Oak Level—J. M. Spicer, J. M. Cockerham, J. B. Byrd.

Rachel—S. T. Curry, C. C. Burcham, W. S. Billings, Carl Wood, L. M. Wood.

Roaring River—G. W. Brown, L. G. Venable, J. H. Holbrook, C. C. Sidden, A. C. Sidden.

Round Hill—J. T. Bauguess.

Round Mountain—Timothy Elledge, H. A. Adams, S. M. Shumate, J. F. Owens, W. C. Johnson.

Union—W. M. Royal, F. A. Norman, Edd Sidden.

Union Hill—A. F. Walker, J. C. Wilmoth, L. B. Norman, J. H. Norman, S. E. Moore.

Zion—Norman Reynolds, E. S. Harrold, O. H. Dillard, W. C. Huie.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Adams, H. A.	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Barker, J. N.	Benham, N. C.
Brown, D. H.	Traphill, N. C.
Brown, J. W.	Traphill, N. C.
Burcham, C. C.	Roaring River, N. C.
Calloway, J. F.	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Cleary, D. O.	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Cox, G. R.	Traphill, N. C.
Dillard, D. M.	Hays, N. C.
Dillard, M. C.	Hays, N. C.
Douglass, E. E.	McGrady, N. C.
Miles, G. W.	, Miles, N. C.
Owens, J. M.	Hays, N. C.
Reeves, I. M.	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Royal, N. G.	McGrady, N. C.
Sebastian, A. T.	Dehart, N. C.
Sidden, A. C.	Joynes, N. C.
Walker, A. F.	State Road, N. C.

OBITUARIES

HARROLD

Mira Clementine Huie Harrold was born July 21, 1860, and departed this life September 30, 1938, being 78 years, 2 months and 9 days of age. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Cowan Huie. She was married to W. M. Harrold about the year 1893, and unto this union were born two children, one boy and one girl. The boy died in infancy. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Lura Dell Elledge, North Wilkesboro, N. C., R. 1, five grandchildren and a large number of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Their loss was her eternal gain. Having professed a living hope in Christ she joined Zion Baptist Church in September, 1906, and remained a faithful member until death.

Dear mother, how we loved you
There is no tongue can tell,
How it grieved our hearts
When you left us and had to say farewell.
Oh! the house is so lonely,
And our hearts are so sad,
But we hope to meet you
In that happy land so fair,
For there will be no parting
In that home over there.

Written by Rev. I. M. Reeves on request.

HANKS

Lewis William Hanks was born Nov. 7, 1852. Died May 2, 1938, age 85 years, 5 months and 25 days. He has been a faithful member of Union Church for the past twelve years. He is survived by his wife, Ellen Higgins, two sons, Max and Lincoln, and two daughters, Mrs. Armfield Bauguess and Mrs. Everitt Durham, also six grandchildren. Two sons preceded him in death.

A loving father and faithful friend, his passing leaves a place vacant that none can fill.

HOLBROOK

John Winfrey Holbrook was born April 10, 1849. Died August 28, 1938, making his stay on earth 89 years, 4 months and 18 days. He was married to Sarah Jane Caudell December 18, 1870. Unto this Union were born nine children, seven living and two dead. He professed a hope in Christ and joined Double Creek Baptist Church Feb. 12, 1878. He was a pillar, a stake, a faithful member of the church, and his home was always open to the ministers and visitors to his church. A pious father, a good citizen, a beloved one, a Christian from us has gone, but we believe our loss is his eternal gain. Truly the great in Israel has fallen.

HOLLOWAY

Sarah Rhoda Blackburn Holloway, age 66 years, died Feb. 24, 1938. She was a member of Bethany church for more than fifty years. She

leaves a husband, five daughters, one son, and a host of relatives to mourn their loss; but we believe our loss is her eternal gain.

JOHNSON

Joseph I. Johnson was born July 24, 1875. Died June 26, 1938, being 62 years, 11 months and 2 days of age. He was the son of Joe and Diana Byrd Johnson. He was married to Media Blackburn on January 17, 1897, and to this union were born six children, four boys and two girls. Two boys died in infancy. The living children are: Curtis Johnson, Arvel Johnson, Mrs. Lelia McCann, and Mrs. Stella Reynolds.

He professed a hope in Christ in early life and on the first Saturday in April, 1896, he united with Rachel church, where he remained a faithful and active member until death. He served as deacon for many years.

Funeral and burial services were conducted at Rachel church June 28, 1938, with Revs. J. S. Bryant, John Burcham, and Curtis Burcham officiating.

He leaves to mourn their loss, two sons, two daughters, two brothers, and sixteen grand-children, but we feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

He was a good husband and father, and his seat was seldom vacant at church when he was able to go. He will be missed, not only by his dear wife and children, but a host of friends for he was loved by all who knew him.

Farewell, dear wife and children,
My body to the grave must go,
But with my Savior I hope to be,
Prepare for death and follow me.

Written by his granddaughter, Esther Johnson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT AND ADDRESS	SECRETARY AND ADDRESS	No. of Teachers	No. Enrolled	Average Attendance	Months Kept Open
Austin	Wilmer Brown, Traphill, N. C.	Nora Brown, Traphill, N. C.	6	84	30	12
Bethany	C. H. Bryant, Roaring River, N. C.	Ennice Wood, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	3	90	50	7
Center	H. H. Jennings, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	Mrs. R. C. Huie, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	5	76	40	12
Double Creek	D. L. Holbrook, Abshers, N. C.	Blanche Hutchison, Abshers, N. C.	3	40	25	6
Oak Level	J. M. Cockerham, Roaring River, N. C.	Callie West, Roaring River, N. C.	4	57	39	12
Rachel	Jno. & C. C. Burcham, Roaring River	Lorene Billings, Roaring River, N. C.	4	131	67	6
Roaring River	L. G. Venable, Joynes, N. C.	Mary Lee Venable, Joynes, N. C.	3	60	36	5
Round Hill	A. M. Holbrook, Traphill, N. C.	Milna Dowell, Traphill, N. C.	3	50	25	4
Round Mountain	H. A. Adams, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	Mrs. Ruth Key, Hays N. C.	4	88	57	8

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Sat. of Ch. Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Application	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contributions
Antioch	Sebastian, Royal, Brooks	Franklin Royal, McGrady, N. C.	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	31	$ 1.00
Austin	Lyon, Brown, Cox, Sparks	B. C. Speaks, Traphill, N. C.	2	....	2	3	....	2	....	3	1	....	72	3.00
Bethany	J. S. Bryant	W. M. Whitley, R. 2, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.	2	1	4	11	3	3	1	1	1	1	104	3.60
Center	D. M. Dillard	H. H. Jennings, North Wilkesboro, N. C.	3	....	1	3	1	....	....	2	....	5	202	4.75
Double Creek	Sidden, Hanks, Gambill	A. M. Holbrook, Abshers, N. C.	....	....	2	....	....	....	1	....	5	1	53	2.75
Garden Creek	Sidden, Guy Brooks, Miles	J. M. Brown, Joynes, N. C.	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	28	1.00
Liberty Knob	G. W. Miles, A. F. Walker	J. N. Royal, Roaring Gap, N. C.	2	....	3	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	42	5 00
Mining Ridge	A. F. Walker	F. C. Wall, State Road, N. C.	....	1	2	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	29	2.00
Mountain Valley	Douglass, Johnson	J. H. Stamper, McGrady, N. C.	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	3	2	....	25	2.25
New Covenant	J. S. Bryant, M. C. Dillard	T. A. Miles, Dehart, N. C.	2	....	3	7	2	....	....	1	1	1	96	3.50
Oak Level	Adams, Brown, Barker	J. M. Spicer, Traphill, N. C.	....	1	3	5	1	....	....	....	....	....	65	1.75
Rachel	Dillard, Sparks, Burcham	S. T. Curry, Roaring River, N. C.	1	....	1	4	1	....	....	3	....	3	150	2.80
Roaring River	Miles, Cox, Sidden	G. W. Brown, Traphill, N. C.	2	....	4	5	....	....	....	4	....	1	126	5.00
Round Hill	L. E. Sparks, M. C. Dillard	J. T. Bauguess, Lomax, N. C.	....	1	2	6	1	....	....	3	....	....	138	3.00
Round Mountain	Walker, Burcham, Adams	Timothy Elledge, Hays, N. C.	1	....	3	....	....	....	5	1	12	....	74	3.00
Union	Sidden, Brown, Cox	W. M. Royal, Traphill, N. C.	....	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	33	2.50
Union Hill	A. F. Walker, G. W. Miles	C. C. McCann, Thurmond, N. C.	1	1	1	....	2	1	....	....	....	....	62	3.00
Zion	Brooks, Douglass	Norman Reynolds, Hays, N. C.	....	....	4	....	....	1	....	14	....	1	46	1.50
		Totals	18	5	....	46	12	7	7	36	22	14	1376	$51.40

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known by the name of Primitive Baptist Association, and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent in the Association; who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to the seats. Each church shall be entitled to five delegates. In their letters is to be expressed the number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, by application and good recommendation, dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in her union.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular decorum.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually, by a majority of the votes of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

5. New churches of any regular Baptist church of Jesus Christ of our Faith and Order in good standing either dismissed by letter fom Sister Associations, or by application and good recommendation, by sending up letter and delegates shall be admitted into the union.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

9. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the Association, and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those moneys shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same, and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

10. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

12. Amendment to this form of Government may be made at any time, by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it expedient by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

13. The Association shall act as advisory council and shall endeavor to preserve a general union of the churches, and also preserve a chain of communion among the churches and give advice in matters of difficulty.

14. The Association shall inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent at any time in the Association.

15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this Constitution, or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

16. The Association may correspond with Sister Associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing, or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing, who may be of our faith and order to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

17. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain the same as they may choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any, except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

4. He shall strioctly adhere to his subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who speaks before, by making remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as clearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association, without liberty obtained from the body, for his absence.

6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, nor prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the Rules of Decorum.

10. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association requires.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the casting vote.

12. Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are One.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by Grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances, and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the Resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance of the Gospel, except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.